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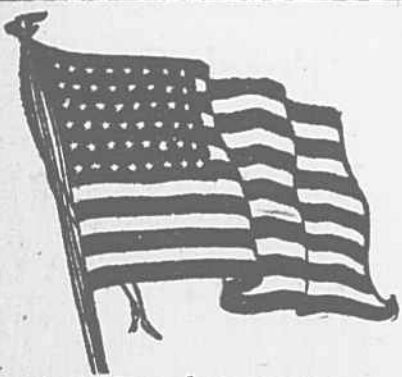
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MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 13, 1917.



## HELP HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

**D**R. C. R. WEIRICH's statement of Saturday to the effect that the parents of little children must cooperate more closely with the health authorities if the poliomyelitis outbreak in this county is to be stamped out is more than justified by the case history of the outbreak at Monongah and at other points in the county.

In two cases in particular where the illness of the child was quite pronounced for several days nothing was done toward seeking professional advice until paralysis actually ensued. Then physicians were called, but little can be done at this stage beyond watching nature take its course and by skillful nursing and unremitting vigilance ward off the danger of a fatal termination. Sometimes even when they are admitted at this stage hospital treatment will result in complete recovery, that is, in a recovery that leaves no trace of the paralysis, but that is by no means the rule.

On the other hand cases which have been diagnosed early enough to permit of the use of serum before the paralysis occurs almost invariably are quickly cured without the patient experiencing the paralysis. That should be the object of all parents at a time when there is poliomyelitis in the neighborhood—to get the little patient in the hands of a doctor at the very onset so that the serum treatment which is certain to prevent paralysis may be applied. There is not the slightest danger that the child will be treated for poliomyelitis when it has some simple little ailment. Science has provided the diagnostics with a method which is absolutely infallible.

So, although the manner in which the germ is spread is still not thoroughly understood, enough is known about this terrible disease to enable the health authorities to speak with certainty about most of the aspects of its treatment and prevention, and they should be given all possible support and cooperation, not only by parents of children who exhibit signs of depression but by the general public, which all too frequently leaves much to be desired in the way it observes the quarantine regulations.

## LAFOLLETTE'S RESOLUTION.

**S**ENATOR LAFOLLETTE'S resolution calling for a definite American statement regarding peace terms will rouse a lot of anger, but it may in the end serve the good purpose of clearing the atmosphere regarding this matter.

A lot of people whose sympathies dull the sense of their obligation to America have been very industrious in an effort to create the impression that this country is badly divided regarding the war. The peace meeting held the other day in the same room of the Senate office building where the drawing of lots for the new National army was held, was a part of this effort. We hesitate to say that Senator La Follette is consciously enlisted in this movement, but it is

a fact that most of his activities since way last winter have been in the same general direction.

Every bit of this agitation, in and out of Congress, is carefully wired to Berlin where it is disseminated to the German people who are led to believe that America is badly split up and that it cannot hope to become a factor in the great struggle even though it is technically at war with Germany. This tends to make them feel that there is yet hope for the German arms. If there is any action upon Senator LaFollette's resolution there is quite likely to be a result which will serve to open the eyes of the German people in spite of the pains that have been taken to keep them in ignorance of the true situation in this republic.

No reasonable intelligent citizen is in doubt about the position of the United States. We are in this war much against our will and in vindication of rights which international law guarantee to us. We are not in it to further the political or economic ambitions of any European power. Germany can have peace with the United States as soon as she is ready to give guarantees that there is no longer any danger of Teutonic piracy on the high seas or Prussian militarism on land. As it looks now there can be no such guarantees while the German imperial government is in the hands of a small party of military madmen. Hohenzollernism and all it stands for must go. When it does go either through the elimination of it by the Germans themselves or by a military decision the United States will be willing to talk peace.

## CRUX OF COAL PRICE BOOSTING.

**W**E do not know what the Federal Trade commission will do about it if any coal dealers advance the retail price of their stock in trade to the point where they will convict themselves of being guilty of "a policy of profiteering," but there cannot be much doubt that in going after these fellows the commission has started on the right trail.

About the only thing that was settled by the so called coal conspiracy trials in New York earlier in the year was that the price boosting and manipulation of the market which was responsible for so much suffering in New York and Boston last winter was due to the amazing greed of the coal dealers who control retailing conditions in those markets. They took coal from the mines in this state at prices fixed when the wholesale market was almost normal and they sold it for what they could get. In some instances the profit was over 300 per cent.

No amount of price fixing at the mine will put coal into the hands of the consumer at a reasonable figure if these fellows are permitted to go right on doing business upon these terms. Last winter when the coal panic in the big cities was at its worst both the operators and the railroads exerted themselves to the utmost to ameliorate conditions, but try as they might they could do very little for the reason that the condition which caused all the anxiety and actual suffering was absolutely artificial. It was created by the middlemen and they saw to it that it continued until they had milked the market dry.

It was to break up just such practices that the Federal Trade commission was created by Congress. Let us hope that it will put a curb on the conscienceless coal dealer to tight that it will make them responsive to the slightest touch.

Governor Cornwell is of the same opinion as The West Virginian that the men who go from the counties to the training camps of the National army should be given some sort of a send off. In a napalm which he issued last night he asked the communities, where practicable, to make the day one long to be remembered for the young men who go. The time is short; there should be action of some sort before the end of this week if Fairmont and Marion county are to have a celebration. One point that it will be well to take into consideration in any plans that are made is that September 3, the day on which the men are expected to move to the camps, is Labor day.

These midsummer Sundays make work for the doctors, the undertakers and the police.

Dispatches from Washington indicate that Food Administrator Hoover contemplates commandeering the entire wheat crop of this year in an effort to defeat the speculators and cut down the price of bread. That is about as shrewd a move as he could take at this time. If he can prove to the people that he has accomplished something in the way of reducing the cost of living in this country he will have the most cordial popular support in any effort he may undertake against profiteering. In view of the delays in Congress the public is not expecting much this year, and it is not sure what it has a right to expect next year, but deep down in the hearts of most people is the hope that Hoover will give us some action.

Henry Breure, former city chamberlain of New York, who has been in Mexico as a financial adviser to the government, brings back the word that Mexico is broke. Inasmuch as Mexico has been broke for the past four or five years that is scarcely news. Most of Mexico's trouble is due to the fact that the government is bankrupt and the country is completely so disorganized that business cannot give a helping hand.

The Central committee of the Russian government which is in charge of war prisoners has issued a protest at Petrograd over the way Russians captured by the German armies are treated, and last night dispatches from neutral countries reached Washington to the effect that prisoners in the German prison camps are starving. America's foremost military expert some time ago said that the affairs of the Central empires, both from a military and an economic standpoint, bear a striking resemblance to those that existed in the Confederacy during the last year of the Civil war. These tales about prison camps coming from widely separated sources, and yet so strikingly alike, are proof that the plight of the people inside the iron ring must be worse than the general public on the outside suspects.

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)



## EAST SIDE NEWS

**At Mt. Zion.**  
Mrs. J. D. Summers, daughter, Miss Ethel, and son, Fred, Mr. H. E. Hawkins and family and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Henderson were among those who attended the all day meeting at Mt. Zion yesterday.

**At Washington and Baltimore.**  
Misses Georgia Radford and Emma Stealey left last night for Washington and Baltimore. They expect to be gone about ten days.

**Aid Society Meeting.**  
The Aid Society of the First M. P. church will meet Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the church. This society at the first of the year engaged in a contest in which each member was to make as much as she possibly could from an investment of twenty-five cents. Each member is expected to be present at this meeting and report.

**Returned.**  
Miss Inez Jacobs and niece, Miss Valena Shuttleworth returned yesterday from Miss Jacobs' home at Triune where they had been visiting the past week. Miss Wilma Jacobs came up with them and will visit here a few days.

**Guests of Mrs. Bolyard.**  
Mrs. Cora Core and Miss Ethel McCann, of McAllellandown, Pa., are guests of Mrs. A. C. Bolyard on Front street.

**Meeting Called Off.**  
There will be no meeting of the East Side W. C. T. U. on Tuesday as previously announced.

**Personals.**  
J. W. Proudfoot, of Grafton, was here Saturday for a short stay while en route from Morgantown to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Powell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bolyard at Carolina Mines.

Mrs. Cora Murphy, of Murray, is visiting her brother, William Ratcliff and family on Wilson street.

Miss Gertrude Criss has been ill the past few days at her home on State street.

Robert Richards spent Sunday at the Nuzum home near Colfax.

Miss Bessie Preston is at Grafton where she was called a few days since by the illness of her aunt, Mrs. C. L. Boice.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Harris were guests at the home of Mr. Harris' parents at Murray yesterday.

Little Miss Thelma Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dent Holden, has been quite sick the past few days.

Master Louis Harr has returned to the city after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hall at their camp at Antioch. Master Edmund Henry will spend this week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson and children, of Hite's Mines, and Mr. and Mrs. James Powell and son, Albert, of Murray, have returned from a motor trip to the Pennsylvania fair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shomaker and daughter, Miss Ruth Shomaker, of Morgantown, visited the First Regiment camp yesterday afternoon and after witnessing the drill spent the remainder of the time until the eleven-thirty train with Mr. and Mrs. George Shomaker at their home on Guffey street.

## MANY CONTRIBUTED BLOOD FOR SERUM

**Not Necessary In Any Instance To Pay For This Service.**

Dr. C. W. Waddell and Dr. Chesney Ramage the two local physicians who have been in charge of the many little Fairmonters who are donating their blood for the treatment of infantile paralysis are well pleased with the excellent manner in which so many have so willingly contributed.

There is hardly a day passes but that someone calls on the phone or at the offices of either of the two physicians asking when they can arrange to have their blood extracted. At first when Dr. George Draper, the physician who was sent here from the Rockefeller Institute of New York City arrived in the city and told the local physicians of this serum treatment at a meeting held at the Hotel Fairmont a few hours after his arrival here, it was thought that a large sum of money in securing the necessary blood with which to make the serum. It was decided to make an appeal to the local children thru the newspapers to volunteer to enter into this service, and the event that no volunteers could be secured, plans were being worked out to pay most any sum of money for the blood. But the first newspaper men making the first appeal had been on the street only a few hours until little Rosa Watson gladly volunteered to take the first step in contributing blood. She was soon followed by many others until now there is rather an extended list of those who have contributed.

Some have been so anxious to help the little sufferers that they have contributed their blood twice, while Raymond Salvati a young man of Monongah has given as much as a pint of his blood.

The serum is extracted and prepared by Dr. C. W. Waddell of this city. The list of those that have contributed to this worthy cause will be long remembered. Those that are on the honor roll thus far are:

Miss Rose Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Watson of Fairmont.

Miss Virginia Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cook of Fairmont, (contributed twice).

Miss Anna Shaw, Wyllie avenue, Fairmont.

Linn Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, Fairmont.

Mrs. Parker Hobbs, of Fairmont.

Raymond Salvati, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Salvati, of Monongah.

Morris Kelley, of the People's National Bank, of Fairmont, (contributed twice).

Miss Florence Calburn, 412 Gaston avenue, Fairmont.

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## NOT TOO WARM GENERALLY FAIR

**That is the Kind of Weather Promised for This Week.**

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.**—The forecast of the weather for the week beginning August 12 is as follows:  
**Middle Atlantic States.**—The week will be one of moderate temperature and generally fair weather, except that showers are probable by the middle of the week.  
**South Atlantic and East Gulf States.**—The week will be one of moderate temperature, with occasional local rains.

**Ohio Valley and Tennessee.**—Unsettled weather and showers probable the first half of the week; the latter half will be fair. Temperature will be below the seasonal average.  
**Region of Great Lakes.**—Local rains probable first part of the week, followed by generally fair weather after Tuesday. Temperature will be below normal.

## ROY WEST DIES OF BLOW ON HEAD

**Body of Popular Civil Engineer Was Taken to Meyersdale.**

The body of Roy West, aged 31 years, a member of the engineering corps of the Monongahela Valley Traction company, who succumbed to injuries received on Friday afternoon when he was accidentally struck in the head by an axe thrown by Gilbert Arnett, of this city, a fellow worker, was taken to Meyersdale, Pa., yesterday afternoon for interment, following impressive funeral services held at two o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. H. G. Stotzer, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The accident which cost the life of Mr. West occurred at Pleasant Valley, where the traction company is doing some surveying. The engineers were moving from one location to another and as is customary were throwing tools from one spot to another. In flinging an axe to the new location Gilbert Arnett missed his aim and the axe struck West in the forehead. He was at once taken to Fairmont Hospital No. 3, where he passed away on Saturday evening, never having regained consciousness.

The deceased was a trusted employee of the Traction company and came here from Meyersdale last April, having been previously employed with the Western Maryland Railroad company and also with the maintenance department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company. He was an excellent young man and his death is deeply deplored, especially among his companions on the engineering corps. He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Arlington.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. West, of Arlington, Md. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Florence Meyer of Meyersdale, Pa., and a ten months old son. The parents of Mrs. West, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Myer, of Meyersdale, came here on Saturday and with Mrs. West and child accompanied the remains to Meyersdale, where interment will be made. Undertaker R. L. Cunningham had charge of the funeral arrangements.

## MONONGAH

**At Wheeling.**  
Miss Stanley and Mamie Yost, who have been spending the past week with friends at Camp Pershing at Valley Falls, have returned home and are now visiting friends and relatives in Wheeling. After a visit of about one week in that city they will return to their home in Monongah.

**Came to Meet.**  
The members of the Acme Literary Society and friends will hold their regular meeting this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Jones, of Maple avenue. A good program is being prepared by the program committee for the occasion.

**Returned Home.**  
Mrs. Max Bear, who has for the past several weeks been visiting in Webster Springs, returned to Monongah Saturday to spend the week end. She will return to Webster Springs during the week.

**Personals.**  
Mrs. Frank Bennett was among the Monongah callers in Fairmont this morning.

Frank Martin was in Fairmont this morning as a business transaction. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fleming and family spent yesterday at Valley Falls.

Webster Grove was in Fairmont this morning calling on friends. Mr. and Mrs. Perry D. Burton and family motored to Valley Falls yesterday where they spent the day.

Garnet Harden was among the Monongah social callers in Clarksburg yesterday evening.

Krause Toothman was visiting friends at Valley Falls during the week end.

Martin Killeen was among the week end callers in Clarksburg. Albert Jones was a caller in Salem during the week.

Grover Spragg, who has been camping at Camp Pershing at Valley Falls during the past several days, has returned to resume his work in Monongah.

Mrs. Joe Toll, of Everson, was among the week end shoppers in Monongah.

John Talbott, of Middleton, was in Monongah during the week end visiting friends and relatives.

## Don't Let the Flies Pester Your Stock

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**At One Dollar a Pair**

We regret that we were unable to give proper service to our hundreds of customers Saturday on account of great crowds—try and get in tomorrow.

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## RUFF STUFF

The big lesson of the selective draft in operation seems to be that race suicide does not pay.

Likewise this dope about the economic independence of women seems to have some serious drawbacks at a time like the present.

There is a moral in this, but you can work it out for yourself.

Those exclusive pictures of the Sammlies in France which Correspondent Lyon sends make war look more like a holiday than even a Sunday at the camp here does.

They do not tell the whole story by a jug full, but there is a grain of comfort in them because they prove that it is not all bloodshed and slaughter.

"Only clerk gets boy out of a scrape"—Hendina.

The boy was colored and lives way out in Wisconsin, but that does not matter. Helping the colored brother is a habit at City Hall.

But when a white man calls only those who stand in get action.

Ask 'em on the East side if that is not true.

One thing about all these recipes for canning, and drying and preserving—

None of the experts have yet devised a scheme to cut out the hard work part.

So the new garbage incinerator is to be odorless.

But most of the people who believe that wonder why children expect to find pots of gold at the end of rainbows and dogs bay at the moon.

The town will be lucky as the dickens if it just does the work well.

They have almost faded out at

the Jefferson street intersection.

Now what is going to happen??

If that is the end of this great experiment the city has a lot of white paint it ought to be willing to sell at a bargain.

But maybe it will just keep it to use on Billy May the first time his customers break loose and the new restaurant gets into the police court.

White paint ought to cover even better than whitewash.

## DRAFT BOARD TIED UP.

**WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 13.**—Aliens demanding exemption have tied up completely the work of the city draft board here. More than a dozen claims were filed after the legal time limit expired, and the board will decide Monday whether or not the claims will be accepted. Until this matter is cleared away no action on exemptions can be taken. Five stragglers were examined Saturday and were qualified physically.